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TAGS: PGOV, XF, IS, US
SUBJECT: MAYOR OF BETHLEHEM SUPPORTS SADAT, OPPOSES WEST BANKERS
AT CAIRO, FAVORS INTERIM UN REGIME

SUMMARY. BETHLEHEM MAYOR FREIJ SAYS LARGE MAJORITY OF WEST
BANKERS SUPPORT SADAT'S INITIATIVES. THEY BELIEVE HIS
STATEMENTS THAT HE IS NOT SEEKING BILATERAL DEAL. FREIJ
REFUSED SIGN STATMENT DRAFTED BY OTHER MAYORS REITERATING
SUPPORT FOR PLO. HE OPPOSES WEST BANK/GAZA ATTENDANCE
AT CAIRO; FAVORS INTERIM UN ADMINISTRATION. END SUMMARY

1. IN MEETING WITH MAYOR FREIJ DECEMBER 1, HE STATED VAST
MAJORITY OF WEST BANKERS IN BETHLEHEM AND SOUTHERN WEST
BANK AREA SUPPORT SADAT'S INITIATIVES. WEST BANK PALESTINIANS
WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY SADAT'S KNESSET SPEECH WHICH THEY
WERE ABLE TO HEAR IN ARABIC ORIGINAL. WEST BANKERS BELIEVE
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SADAT SINCERE THAT HE NOT SEEKING BILATERAL EGYPTIAN/
ISRAELI ACCORD AT THEIR EXPENSE. ANY SUCH DEAL, FREIJ SAID,
WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR PALESTINIANS.

2. FREIJ SAID HE COULD NOT ASSESS SENTIMENT IN NORTHERN
WEST BANK BUT SAID HE REFUSED TO SIGN PRO-PLO STATEMENT BEING
DRAFTED BY KARIM KHALLAF OF RAMALLAH AND OTHERS. HE REPEATED

HIS VIEW THAT WHILE PLO SPEAKS FOR PALESTINIANS, WEST BANKERS
AND GAZANS SHOULD ALSO HAVE A VOICE.

3. FREIJ REQUESTED URGENT MESSAGE BE PASSED TO SADAT URGING
NO INVITATION BE SENT TO THE WEST BANKERS TO ATTEND CAIRO
MEETING. SUCH A STEP, HE SAID, WOULD POLARIZE WEST
BANKERS AND ATTENDANCE BY SUCH FIGURES AS BUDRAN JAABARI AND
DOUDIN OF HEBRON WOULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR SADAT. FREIJ
SAID IF HE RECEIVED AN INVITATION, HE WOULD NOT GO. FREIJ
ALSO ASKED SADAT BE URGED TO PRESS FOR AN INTERIM UN ADMIN-
ISTRATION FOR THE WEST BANK FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS DUR-
ING WHICH TIME INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL PARTIES
COULD DEVELOP. I REPLIED THAT TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NO
INVITATIONS TO WEST BANKERS HAD BEEN ISSUED AND ON MATTER
OF MESSAGES TO SADAT, TOOK LINE IN STATE 284630

4. FREIJ SAID IN NOVEMBER 27 MEETING WITH STAFFDEL BRYEN
HE HAD EMPHASIZED WEST BANKERS STRONG OPPOSITION TO CON-
TINUING OCCUPATION AND GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PLO. ON SETTLEMENTS,
HE SAID THERE WAS ROOM FOR COMPROMISE ON KFAR ETZION AND KRIYAT
ARBA BUT THAT OTHER ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO GO
EVENTUALLY.
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